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EUROPE

1. ITALY: Colonial issue may imperil Government--US Ambassador Dunn considers that the measures presently contemplated by the US on the problem of Italy's former colonies will "fall far short" of placating strong Italian public feeling on the subject. Dunn believes that present US policy on the Italian colonies gives the Communists "their first real opportunity" for a successful attack on the De Gasperi Government and may even bring about the formation of a new Italian government which would not continue Italy's cooperation with the West. Dunn urges, if over-all US policy does not permit a more favorable position toward Italy, that General Assembly debate of the colonial problem be postponed.

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs in Ambassador Dunn's estimate of the probable serious effects in Italy which would result from General Assembly action at the present time on the US-UK proposal.)

THE AMERICAS

2. GUADELOUPE: Possible Communist demonstrations--US Vice Consul Bartelt in Martinique reports that there now appears no need to fear for the personal security of the US delegation as a consequence of possible Communist demonstrations during the 30 November West Indian Conference. Bartelt considers, however, that the entire conference may lose considerable prestige if the threatened demonstrations are carried out. He adds that a French cruiser and a sub-chaser have been directed to Guadeloupe for possible action in the event of trouble.

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